

STUDENTS' COUNCIL

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017
6:00PM
Council Chambers, University Hall**

LATE ADDITIONS (SC 2016-22)

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| 2016-22/1 | <u>SPEAKERS BUSINESS</u> |
| 2016-22/2 | <u>PRESENTATIONS</u> |
| 2016-22/3 | <u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT</u> |
| 2016-22/4 | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT</u> |
| 2016-22/5 | <u>OPEN FORUM</u> |
| 2016-22/6 | <u>QUESTION PERIOD</u> |
| 2016-22/7 | <u>BOARD AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS</u> |
| 2016-22/8 | <u>GENERAL ORDERS</u> |
| 2016-22/8a | PACHES moves to appoint one member of Students' Council to the PAW Centre Strategic Operating Committee. |
| 2016-22/9 | <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u> |
| 2016-22/9a | Public Transit Policy as amended

Please see SC 16-22.10 |
| 2016-22/9b | Report from the Vice President Student Life

Please see SC 16-22.11 |
| 2016-22/9c | Report from the Vice President External |

Please see SC 16-22.12

2016-22/9d Report from the Vice President of Operations and Finance

Please see SC 16-22.13

2016-22/9e Report from the Vice President Academic

Please see SC 16-22.14

2016-22/9f Original and revised Public Transit Policy First Principles

Please see SC 16-22.15

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2 Resolutions

1. the Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services carefully monitor service demand arising from U-pass implementation, consider input from stakeholders and commit all resources necessary to maintain reliable, safe and timely service.
2. the Students' Union advocates for a more affordable option than a regular adult pass for part-time spring and summer students.
3. the Students' Union negotiate a new, long- term U-Pass contract to be implemented upon the expiry of the current contract.
4. the Students' Union advocates that the regional municipalities and transit services expand their current service systems, prioritizing the implementation of Smartcard technology, to better meet the needs of the University of Alberta students.

5. the Students' Union advocates for the integration of Smartcard technology into the One Card system.
6. the Students' Union advocates to and works with the University to ensure that students employed by the university, but not currently enrolled in classes, be provided with a more affordable alternative than the adult bus pass.

Citations

*See attachment

March 9th, 2017

To: University of Alberta Students' Council 2016/17

Re: Vice President Student Life Council Report

Dear Council,

Congratulations to the new executive team!! I am looking forward to starting the transition process (aka information dump) with my successor!

This council report covers the period of February 28th to March 9th.

On Tuesday the 7th, I moderated the residence forum for the SU elections that took place in the Lister Hall Cafeteria. Turnout was great and moderating was a lot of fun!

ADVOCACY

Mental Health

Advisory Panel on Post-Secondary Mental Health

Our last Panel meeting took place on March 2nd in Calgary; we finalized our recommendations and discussed funding principles and an ideal funding formula. The recommendations will be taken to Cabinet very soon; stay tuned for an announcement on which recommendations were adopted by the Government. The Mental Health funding amount will be announced with the Provincial budget so stay tuned for that as well.

Mental Health Website

The developers are currently working on the layout and the website should be ready before the end of my term.

Residence

Residence Life Task Force

Our last RLTF meeting is taking place on Monday, March 13th. The recommendations are almost finalized and we will be presenting the results of our findings to President Turpin as well as Provost Dew. They would then inform the campus community on the roll-out and prioritization of the recommendations of recommendation.

Lister Representatives

The LHSA president elections happened on Friday, March 10th. The VP and Floor Coordinator elections will be taking place this month as well!

Student Groups

We met with the Dean of Students' Office and provided our feedback on the proposed changes to the student group policy. The feedback was around transparency, clarity of process and fairness for student groups. The Policy seemed to be going in the right direction to ensure that the Students' Union is able to undertake recognition and discipline of its own groups in time. I welcome any questions on this topic!

PROGRAMMING

SUB House Party

There are eleven student groups participating in the SUB House Party this year. The schedule is almost finalized so stay tuned!

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Council of Residence Associations (CORA)

I am going to be inviting a representative from the Dean of Students' office to present on the new version of the student group policy to CORA as residence associations are also registered student groups and will be affected by this policy. At our last meeting, we talked about residence

association fee collection for 2017/18 and other issues in the Newton Place and East-Campus Village residences.

Policy Committee

I worked on the Public Transit Policy with my fellow councillors; the changes are reflected in the package that was submitted with this agenda!

The Landing Board of Directors

I held “office hours” at the Landing this past week and got to chat with some volunteers and staff. I plan on doing this for the remainder of my term!

WUSC Board

I am very happy that the WUSC plebiscite passed! I will be calling a meeting of the board as it is right now to chat about board membership and steps moving forward.

MISCELLANEOUS

A reminder that my office hours are 11 a.m to 12 p.m on Fridays so stop by if you want to chat or have any questions. If that doesn't work for you, you can also e-mail me at vp.studentlife@su.ualberta.ca and we'll find a time to meet and chat.

Cheers,

Francesca Ghossein
(Submitted electronically)



Mar. 13th, 2017
To: Students' Council
Re: Report to Students' Council

Council Report #20: Return to the Office and Off to CASA

Hello Council,

I hope you have been well. These past few weeks I had taken a leave of absence from my role as Vice-President (External) in order to run for the Board of Governors Representative Position. Having run a successful campaign, I am happy to have the chance to be one of two undergraduate students representing all of us on the Board of Governors over the next year.

Having left for three weeks there is not much to report, however I am currently in Wolfville, Nova Scotia for my last Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) conference of my term. This is what I will be touching on in this report.

Federal Advocacy

CASA AGM

Over this next week I will be with my fellow student leaders from across the country at the CASA Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Acadia University. Being the final conference of our executive terms, we will be focusing our time on transition strategies for our incoming executives. We will be spending the next few days discussing strategies to ensure a continued strength of the members on the Board, best case practices for our general membership, the creation of an alumni board, etc.

I will be sure to give council a full update of the AGM in my next report!

“You hold in your hands the future of the world.” - Raymond Poincare

Mike Sandare
Vice-President (External), University of Alberta Students' Union (2016-17)



SC 16-22.13

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

STUDENTS' UNION

OFFICE OF THE
VICE PRESIDENT (OPERATIONS & FINANCE)

March 13th, 2017

To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Hey Council,

It's been what seems like forever since we last chatted! I apologize for the late submission, but I did not return from my elections leave of absence in time to get my report on the main order papers. Now, because of my leave, I have very little to report as I have been gone!

Elections

I am extremely excited to report that I will be returning for another year as your next VP Operations & Finance for 2017/18! I will be joined by VP Banister as President, Councilor Larsen as VP External, Ilya Ushakov as VP Student Life and Shane Scott as VP Academic. VP Sandare will be your next Board of Governors Representative. Turnout was an amazing 29.5% of students. Now that's something to really be proud of! As of writing, the nomination deadline has passed for next year's council elections, so be sure to vote and support our elections team in promoting Students' Council elections!

Catch-Up

I came back to SO MANY EMAILS. So, I have nothing to report other than I sat at my desk all day and did emails.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Paches', written over a light gray grid background.

Robyn Paches

March 14, 2017

Dear Council,

Sorry for getting my report in for the late additions! I was out of the office for the past few weeks in the SU executive elections and did not have access to my work. That said, I am delighted to announce that I will be returning next year as the University of Alberta Students' Union President! Congratulations to all the folks who ran in the exec elections, and good luck to those running in the Council & GFC elections now. I am thrilled to be joined by Robyn Paches (incoming VPOF), Ilya Ushakov (incoming VPSL), Shane Scott (incoming VPA), and Reed Larsen (incoming VPX). Big thank you to VP Ghossein and President Rahman for holding down the fort while VP Paches, VP Sandare, and I were away. This report will be fairly brief as I have been out of office.

1. Meetings & Committees

Executive Committee,

On my first day back in office, the executive and I met to discuss everything that happened since our respective leaves of absences. President Rahman, VP Ghossein, and the staff were able to carry on everything without a hitch and I was excited to be brought up to speed on recent events.

COSA

I had a meeting for the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Governance and Delegated Authority to discuss what should happen to the Council of Student Affairs. Currently we are debating where the committee should “live”, the options including in the University Governance Office, GFC, or elsewhere.

2. Other Exciting Endeavours

Transition

I have already started to meet regularly with VPA-Elect Scott to transition him to the role. He is very eager and I am excited to pass the torch. I have also started the transition process with President Rahman, including shadowing him at a Residence Life Task Force meeting.

Thank you for reading this report and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



Marina Banister

Public Transit Policy First Principles

Current first principles:

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Revised first principles to be approved at Council:

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